

The Status of the Claims

20. (Amended) A roll-up closure device adapted to be disposed adjacent a door opening and movable between blocking and unblocking positions relative thereto, and comprising:

a roller adapted to be rotatably mountable adjacent an upper end of the door opening;

a curtain adapted to be secured at a top end thereof to the roller whereby rotation of the roller causes the curtain to wind or unwind from the roller to move between unblocking and blocking positions, respectively;

guide members adapted to be disposed at the lateral sides of the door opening;

guide engagement members coupleable to the curtain for movement therewith and engageable with the guide members to restrict their movement toward the curtain center;
and

a discrete elastic member coupled to the curtain for movement therewith extending laterally across the curtain, and disposed such that the elastic member can be stretched laterally between the restricted guide engagement members.

21. The device of claim 20, wherein opposed ends of the elastic member are coupled to the curtain, and the restricted guide engagement members are coupled to the lateral edges of the curtain, an increased lateral separation of the guide engagement members exerting a pulling force on the curtain tending to stretch the elastic member.

22. The device of claim 20, wherein the elastic member can be stretched to allow the curtain to yield to an applied external force without rupturing.

23. The device of claim 20, wherein the guide engagement members are cables extending along the lateral edge of the curtain and received in the pocket formed therein.

24. The device of claim 20, wherein the guide engagement members are blocks coupled to the lateral edges of the curtain at approximately the same height as the elastic member.

25. The device of claim 20, and including a second elastic member coupled to the curtain for movement therewith and extending laterally across the curtain such that the second elastic member can be stretched between the restricted guide engagement members.

26. (Amended) A roll-up closure device adapted to be disposed adjacent a door opening and movable between blocking and unblocking positions relative thereto, and comprising:

a roller adapted to be rotatably mountable adjacent an upper end of the door opening;

a curtain adapted to be secured at a top end thereof to the roller whereby rotation of the roller causes the curtain to wind or unwind from the roller to move between unblocking and blocking positions, respectively;

guide members adapted to be disposed at lateral sides of the door opening; and
laterally inwardly biasing means for maintaining the curtain taut, and for allowing the curtain to yield depth-wise for an applied force, wherein the laterally inwardly biasing means is moveable with the curtain between the blocking and unblocking positions.

27. The device of claim 26, wherein the laterally inward biasing means comprises:

guide engagement members couplable to lateral edges of the curtain for movement therewith and engageable with the guide members to restrict their movement toward the curtain center; and

a discrete elastic member coupled to the curtain for movement therewith and extending laterally across the curtain, and disposed such that the elastic member can be stretched between the restricted guide engagement members.